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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In an encoding apparatus or an encoding method, motionimage data is input, an encoding parameter is output such
that a predetermined number of codes are used for encoding
the input motion-image data in units of predetermined sizes,
the output encoding parameter is stored in a storage medium,
and the input motion-image data is encoded by adaptively
selecting the output encoding parameter or the encoding
parameter stored in the storage medium.